THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) A proposal for the acquisition of additional submarines is under consideration of the Government. Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security. The Government always take adequate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Concentration of Pakistani Forces on Siachen

1114. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani forces have been heavily concentrating on Siachen for the last three or four months;

(b) whether the latest weapons and aircraft acquired by Pakistan have been deployed there;

(c) whether this has caused great imbalance in the defence needs of India;

(d) if so, in view of the heavy concentration of Pak Forces in this area, what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation; and

(e) what is the total number of occasions on which Pakistani attack was repulsed uptil June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Pakistan has inducted additional troops in the Siachen Glacier area during the last few months. The latest equipment received by Pakistan is being gradually absorbed by her troops including those deployed in the Siachen area.

(c) and (d) Our troops in the Siachen area are adequately prepared and suitably deployed to meet any contingencies.

(e) During the period from 1984 till June 1988, Pakistani troops had unsuccessfully attacked Indian positions in the area on five occasions.

Agreement between LTTE and Indian Government

1115. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was worked out between LTTE representative Krishna Kumar alias 'Kittu' and the Indian Government in Madras recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the points that have been worked out in the said agreement and the points still unresolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Safety of Nuclear Power Plants

1116. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Emergency Response Committee under the Atomic Energy Commission has prepared plans to ensure safety of nuclear power plants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A National